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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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10 NICOLAS C. HEIDORN,

11 Plaintiff,

12 vs.

13 BDD MARKETING & MANAGEMENT
14 COMPANY, LLC,

15 Defendant.

Case No.: 13-CV-0229 YGR

ORDER VACATING HEARING


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17 The Court has reviewed the papers relevant to the Motion for De Novo Determination of
18 Dispositive Matter Referred to Magistrate Judge of *pro se* Plaintiff Nicolas C. Heidorn, a licensed
19 California attorney with less than four years of experience. Plaintiff has submitted a Request for
20 Oral Argument (Dkt. No. 40), pursuant to Section 2(d) of this Court's Standing Order in Civil
21 Cases. That Section provides that the Court will entertain requests for oral argument when the
22 argument will be conducted mostly or wholly by an attorney with less than four years of
23 experience, "on the principle that young lawyers need more opportunities for appearances than they
24 typically receive."

25 Plaintiff's request for oral argument is **DENIED**. Plaintiff happens to be an attorney, but he
26 comes before this Court as a party. Section 2(d) is therefore inapplicable to him. The aim of the
27 Court's Standing Order is to encourage senior attorneys to allow their junior colleagues a chance at
28 argument. As a *pro se* party, Plaintiff's request does not effectuate the provision's goal.

1 Independent of Plaintiff's request, the Court has determined that the motion is appropriate
2 for decision without oral argument, as permitted by Civil Local Rule 7-1(b) and Federal Rule of
3 Civil Procedure 78. *See also Lake at Las Vegas Investors Group, Inc. v. Pacific Malibu Dev.*
4 *Corp.*, 933 F.2d 724, 729 (9th Cir. 1991). Accordingly, the hearing set for October 15, 2013 is
5 **VACATED**. The Court will issue a written decision on the papers.

6 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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8 Date: September 19, 2013


YVONNE GONZALEZ ROGERS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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